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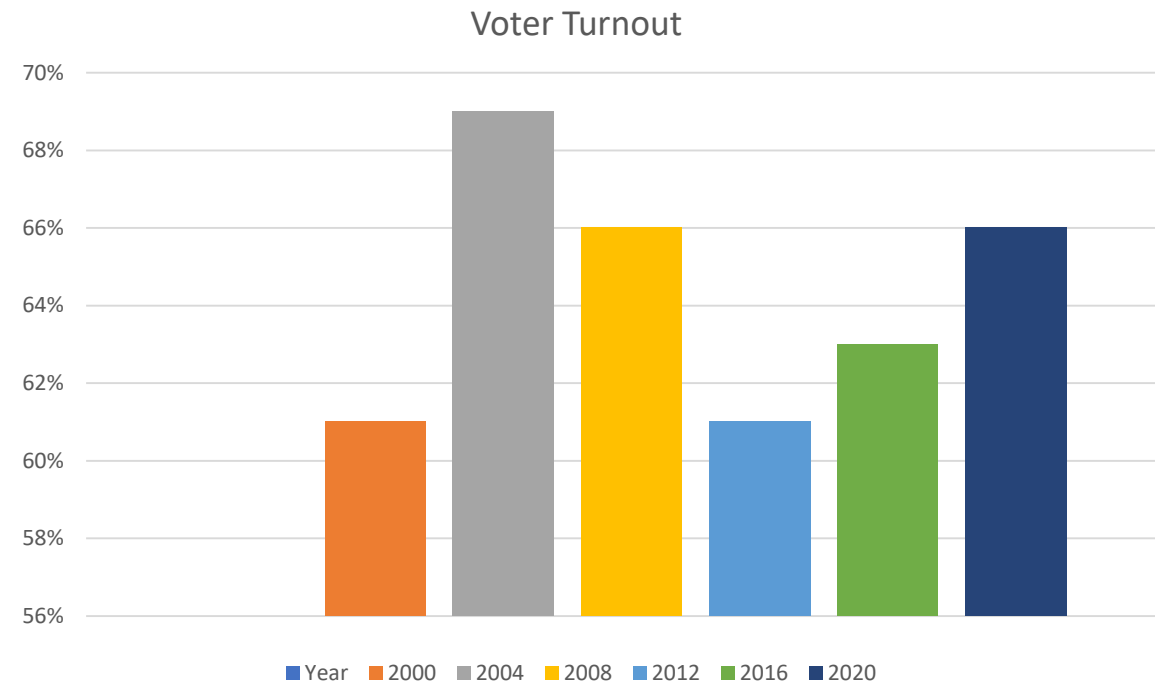
Election Update

November 10, 2020

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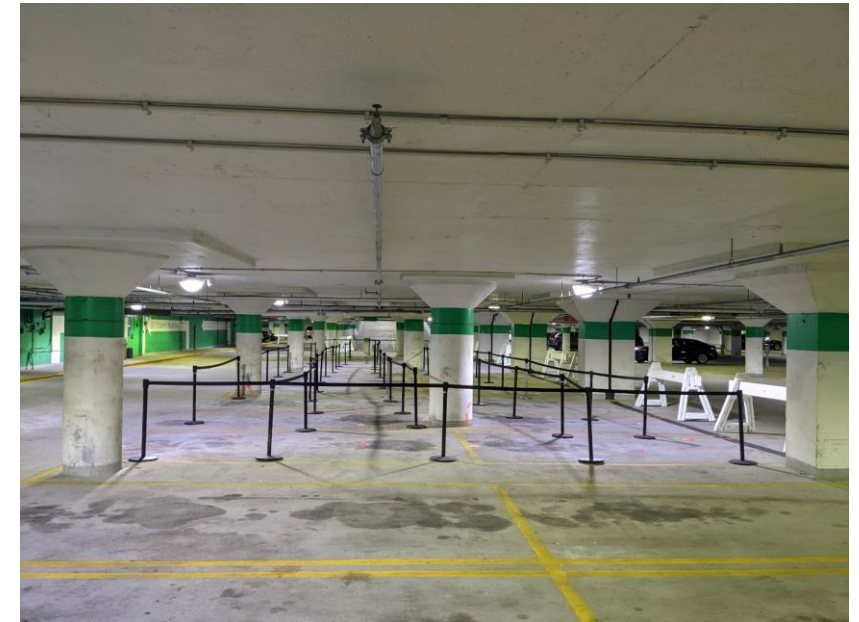
Voter Turnout - 66%



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Voter Registration

- In the 14 Day in-person voter registration, 940 voters registered to vote. 511 voters registered to vote on Election Day at City Hall or Election Central.
- Voter registration was set up at City Hall for voters to first register to vote on the Monroe Level of City Hall then the voter could either go to the precinct or go to the 9th floor to vote an Absentee Ballot. The Monroe Level of the parking ramp was used for line management. Election Central was set up for line management and issuance of ballots in the 2nd floor fitness room with voting in the training room.



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Election Day – In Precinct Voting

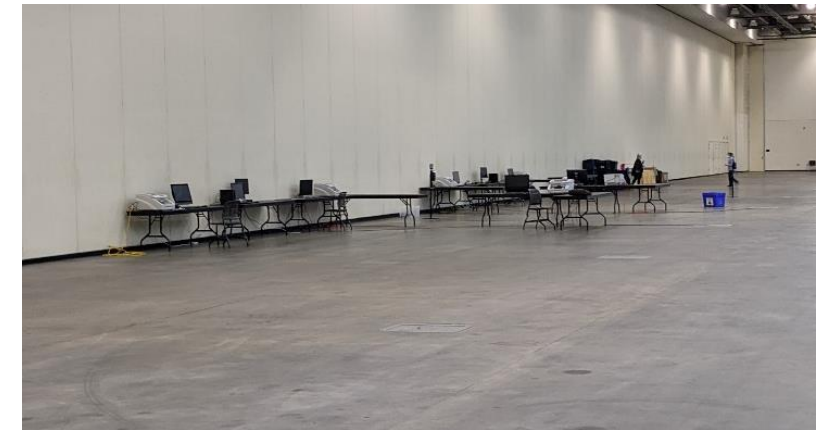
- The Election is being canvassed by Kent County Board of Canvassers, so all numbers are unofficial. This is another part of the checks and balances in the election process.
- Almost 39,000 voters went to the precinct.
- There were some Election Workers that were not able to work, but the Clerk's Staff quickly started calling the standby list of trained workers.
- There were tabulator issues in two precincts. The tabulator heads were changed out and voting resumed. Ballots that went into the auxiliary bin were tabulated.
- There were no complaints of intimidation, harassment or challenger issues.



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Absentee Ballots

- The pre-processing of absentee ballots was held on the Monday before the Election per state law. Ballots and envelopes needed to be counted on Tuesday morning again.
- 92% of ballots issued were received by the Clerk's office.
- The City of Grand Rapids completed an unofficial ballot tabulation and forwarded to the County Board of Canvassers the unofficial ballot tabulation on November 4. An internal audit identified a .89% variance between the ballots tabulated and election reports. The Board of Canvassers as part of their process of checks and balances as stated in Election Law may remedy any variances.



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Thanks

- Clerk's Office Staff.
- Mayor and City Commission
- Election Workers and City Staff that worked in the precincts, Absent Voter Counting Board, Receiving Board, Voter Registration/Absentee Voting on Monday and Tuesday and closed the absentee drop boxes at 8:00 pm Election Night.
- All the Various Departments that supported our efforts – 311, Executive, Attorney, Treasurer, Communications, Facilities, Police Department, Fire Department, Emergency Management, Grand Rapid Public Library, Mobile GR, Parks and Recreation, Public Services, and Special Events.
- All of our polling locations for opening their doors to the community for voting.



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Thanks

- To the Latina Network of West Michigan for providing interpreters in certain precincts.
- To Well Design for developing and implementing a comprehensive GRVOTES branding and messaging.
- To all the amazing community organizations that spent the year registering voters, canvassing neighborhoods, holding events, hosting valuable online conversations, providing election protection in the precincts, and all other election activities.



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Charter Amendments

- Both Grand Rapids Charter Amendments passed.
- Charter Amendment #1 requires moving city elections from the odd year to the even year.
- Charter Amendment #2 removes the ability to win a city elected position automatically in an August Primary.
- After certification by the Board of Canvassers, two printed copies of the charter language and the results needs to be sent to the Secretary of State and the County Clerk.
- The City Attorney and City Clerk are reviewing the timeline for implementing Charter Amendment #1. No other implementation is needed for Amendment #2





Questions